

Message

From: Coate, Carson [Coate.Carson@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/20/2014 2:46:29 PM
To: Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Rise, David [rise.david@epa.gov]; Vranka, Joe [vranka.joe@epa.gov]; Piggott, Amelia [Piggott.Amelia@epa.gov]; Wilder, Scott [Wilder.Scott@epa.gov]; DalSoglio, Julie [DalSoglio.Julie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Thanks for the info Rob. Denise did share your report with the MPDES permitting staff. They haven't requested a follow up meeting, so I don't know if there is a need for another meeting. I would defer to you guys. Is there something Superfund needs or would like to discuss with MDEQ regarding the permit?

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From: Parker, Robert
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Coate, Carson; DalSoglio, Julie
Cc: Rise, David; Vranka, Joe; Piggott, Amelia; Wilder, Scott
Subject: RE: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Hey Carson,

We have the data back from our site reassessment activities. When we spoke with DEQ last, we didn't have the data in hand at that point, so we weren't able to provide much insight. Would we want to have a follow up discussion with the MPDES permitting staff to discuss our results?

I've previously sent the data to Denise Martin and Mike Trombetta at DEQ, so any DEQ folks should already have access to it (I think Denise and Mike put the draft report on a share drive there).

Regarding our schedule, we're trying to get the report finalized the week of March 31st, so if we were to have this conversation, it would be best to have it before then, I'd imagine.

Thanks,
Rob

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From: Coate, Carson
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:04 PM
To: DalSoglio, Julie
Cc: Parker, Robert; Rise, David; Vranka, Joe
Subject: RE: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Hey Julie –

This is one of the MPDES permits MDEQ asked to discuss with us. In addition to our NPDES staff, MDEQ requested that our Superfund staff participate also. They didn't want to negatively affect Superfund's future plans for the site, if at all possible. They were also hoping Rob may have some information to share from the site assessment.

David and I can talk to you about the discussions we had on the MPDES permit. If need be, we can pull in Colleen or talk to Paul Skubinna with MDEQ.

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From: DalSoglio, Julie
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:07 PM
To: Parker, Robert; Coate, Carson; Rise, David; Vranka, Joe
Subject: RE: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Thanks Rob: And why are there additional discharge points and constituents?

From: Parker, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:46 PM
To: DalSoglio, Julie; Coate, Carson; Rise, David; Vranka, Joe
Subject: RE: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Hi Julie,

My understanding is that DEQ has been sued for not issuing permits in a timely manner. The previous permit had been administratively extended since it's expiration in 2004.

This proposed new permit has additional discharge points and additional constituents in their effluent limits than the previous permit, as well.

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Subject: FW: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Can I get some background information on State's rationale for extending the permit. I think I know why but want to be correct.

From: Ellis, Bonnie [<mailto:bonnie.ellis@flbs.umt.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:08 PM
To: DalSoglio, Julie
Subject: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Hi Julie,

I spoke with Robin this morning about the email below because we've also received calls about the posting that was in the Daily Interlake. She said she would contact you (I was headed into a conference call), so would you please respond to me as well so I can pass on the correct information?

Thanks,

Bonnie

p.s. we cancelled the N. Fork trip due to the icy road conditions, so you didn't miss anything.

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From: Bill Dakin [**Personal Privacy / Ex. 6**]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:38 PM
To: Greg McCormick; Sarah Dakin
Subject: Emailing: CFAC groundwater permits03042014

Hi Greg: You and others amongst the FL'rs probably saw this, or the light, generally summarizing articles that followed it...in the HHNews, and then picked up by the Inter Lake. Second and third reading, it seems far from trivial and looks like CFAC has a nice friendly 'helpful' relationship with the DEQ.

We wonder why they would be upping their discharges of heavy metals and cyanide to 'settling ponds' when they haven't been operating for some years now, aren't operating now, and most likely never will be again. And we all know that the EPA is supposedly auditing the place at the request of various political entities, to see if it could fall into Superfund status. Could it be that they [Glencore, a global corporation with little conscience] are simply setting about emptying some enormous storage tanks full of decades' worth of horrible wastes, in order to make the EPA findings less ghastly and the inevitable cleanup less costly?

Ponds, schmonds. There's nasty stuff in these permits, and the soil stata underlying the plant, just a few hundred yards from the river, are pretty visibly porous. Whatever does come through the ground will end up in the lake, without any doubt. We'd like you to forward this to the biological station, just so we have the comfort of knowing that they know about it. It will take experts to figure out what these permits really portend.

We have seen signs all over the forest west of the plant, on wooden poles, with the skull and crossbones signs, and big warnings 'DO NOT DIG HERE'....pits (not ponds) where decades worth of spent potliner was simply dumped in their private landfills. Ex-employees, of whom there are many around, say stuff that's buried there could never be buried on-site today.

We will be preparing a comment to the DEQ and would hope that if this was widely known amongst the Laker membership, we wouldn't be among just a few voicing concerns about it...

Think spring!

S&B

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